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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been reviewed. Claims 1-23 are pending. The objections and rejections cited are as stated below:

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. While your disclosed invention, as described in the description part of the specification does maintain a system for financial and electronic commerce, the claimed invention relates more specifically to a system and method for customizing financial products over the Internet. A new title is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chang et al. US Patent No. 5,884,288.

Claims 1-18 Chang teaches an apparatus comprising, a webbank comprising a website hosted on the server of a bank for the use of a webbank owner, the webbank owner being a customer having a bank account at the bank, said webbank having a web address associated therewith and being accessible by the webbank owner over the World Wide Web using said web address, said webbank also being accessible over the World Wide Web by a third party using said web address, such that the third party is provided with some degree of access to the webbank owner's bank account, said webbank having access parameters associated therewith, said access parameters being parameters associated with the webbank which control said degree of access provided to the third party, and wherein said access parameters are customizable by the webbank owner (fig. 2, and col. 4, line 12 thru col. 10, line 48).

wherein said access parameters correspond to deposit rights, withdrawal rights, viewing rights such that the third party can deposit funds, withdraw funds, and view transactions at the owner's webbank (figs. 2, and 5, and col. 4, lines 12-67), wherein said access parameters includes a password provided to said third party which is different from the password of the webbank owner, and said access parameters defines the amount of funds which can be controlled by said third party; and wherein said first webbank and said second webbank are both hosted on the bank server of the same bank or on the bank servers of different banks, and wherein webbank owner

can transfer said funds in different time intervals (fig. 2, and col. 4, line 12 thru col. 10, line 48).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 148 USPQ 459, that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or unobviousness.

7. Claims 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang US Patent No. 5,884,288.

Claims 19-23, Chang teaches the claimed limitations as discussed above with respect to claims 1-18. However, Chang fails to teach that the webbank is associated with a financial card and the financial card being a credit card or debit card.

Official Notice is taken that having a credit card or a debit card associated with a website is old and well known in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the Applicant's invention was made to modify the teachings of Chang to include the use of a credit card or a debit card associated with the website, because it provides convenience to the user, and it greatly improves the efficiency of the system, since Chang's system deals with a plurality of banks and a plurality of customers, and banks are known for providing their customers with bank cards and credit cards.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (571) 272-6745. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

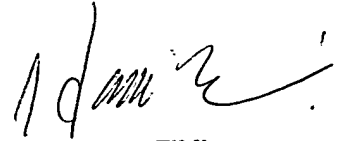
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